

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : van der Burg, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/642,384  
Filed : August 15, 2003  
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
DELIVERING A LEFT ATRIAL  
APPENDAGE CONTAINMENT  
DEVICE  
Examiner : Michael H. Thaler  
Group Art Unit : 3731

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2006****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.